

(c) AMOUNT FROM FISCAL YEAR 1996 FUNDS FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE SEALIFT FUND.—(1) Section 132 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996 (Public Law 104-106: 110 Stat. 210) is repealed.

(2) The amount referred to in section 132 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996 (as in effect immediately before the repeal by paragraph (1)) shall be available to the Secretary of the Navy for activities relating only to advanced submarine technology that involve the construction of large scale vehicles for purposes of hydrodynamic and hydroacoustic research on developmental designs for hulls and propulsion systems.

(d) CONTRACTS AUTHORIZED.—(1) The Secretary of the Navy is authorized, using funds available pursuant to subparagraphs (B) and (C) of subsection (a)(1), to enter into contracts with Electric Boat Division and Newport News Shipbuilding, and suppliers of components, during fiscal year 1997 for—
(1) the procurement of long-lead components for the fiscal year 1998 submarine and the fiscal year 1999 submarine under this section; and
(2) advance construction of such components and other components for such submarines.

(2) The Secretary may enter into a contract or contracts under this section with the shipbuilder of the fiscal year 1998 submarine only if the Secretary enters into a contract or contracts under this section with the shipbuilder of the fiscal year 1999 submarine.

(e) LIMITATIONS.—(1)(A) Of the amounts specified in subsection Certification, not more than \$100,000,000 may be obligated until the Secretary of Defense certifies in writing to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on National Security of the House of Representatives that procurement of nuclear attack submarines described in subparagraph (B) will be under one or more contracts that are entered into after competition between Electric Boat Division and Newport News Shipbuilding in which the Secretary of the Navy solicits competitive proposals and awards the contract or contracts on the basis of price.
(B) The submarines referred to in subparagraph (A) are nuclear

attack submarines that are to be constructed beginning
(i) after fiscal year 1999; or
(ii) if four submarines are to be procured as provided for
in the plan required under section 1³¹(c) of the
National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996
(Public Law 104-106: 110 Stat. 208), after fiscal year 2001.
(2) Of the amounts specified in subsection (a)(1), not more than \$675,000,000 may be obligated until the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology submits to the congressional committees specified in paragraph (1) a report in writing detailing the following:
(3) The Under Secretary's oversight activities to date, and plans for the future, for the development and improvement of the nuclear attack submarine program of the Navy as required by section 1³¹(b)(2)(C) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996 (110 Stat. 207).
(4) The implementation of, and activities conducted under, the program required to be established by the Director of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency by section 1³¹(i) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996 (110 Stat. 210) for the development and demonstration of